

Year group: 5

Term: 4: The Victorians

History

We learn about the reign of Queen Victoria. Our topic gives an overview of the Victorian period in Britain and highlights some of the major changes and their effects during this time, including the impact of the Industrial Revolution. Our residential trip to Ironbridge shall provide a fitting culmination to our learning.

English

We use the story 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty - a fictional account of the experiences of Jim Jarvis, a young orphan who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and survives brutal treatment and desperate circumstances - as a focus for our narrative writing. We shall also be writing our own persuasive texts.

Maths

We complete our learning on division, using the shot division method to calculate including those calculation with remainders. We then move onto fractions, where we multiply fractions and mixed numbers by an integer, as well as finding fractions of an amount.

PSHE

This term our unit is 'Healthy Me'. We will be discussing issues such a smoking, drinking and healthy eating and exploring how to make the right choices.

Art

We focus upon the artists who have painted the Ironbridge, and produce sketchbook pages, comparing art work and documenting our thoughts. We develop skills in mixing watercolour to create landscape paintings with a focus on the Ironbridge.

ICT

This term we are focusing on online safety. We will be looking at online stereotypes, identifying different types of online bullying and investigating fake news.

DT

We focus on Structures: Bridges. We explore different types of bridges and learn how to reinforce a beam (structure) to improve its strength before building a spaghetti truss bridge. We use this knowledge to build a wooden truss bridge.

Geography

We will be using our map skills to locate countries, which were part of the British Empire during the Victorian era. We compare land-use during and after the Industrial Revolution.

PE: Golf and gymnastics

French: Our next unit is 'French Transport' and we will be learning about travelling around and different modes of transport.

Music: This term's unit is 'Old-Skool Hip Hop' based around the Will Smith track 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. We will be learning about the characteristics of the Hip Hop genre and continuing to hone our musical skills, playing along on glockenspiels and recorders!